

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2004**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Elmer J. Kuss, Vice President
Anthony J. Lipinski, Secretary
Fran Gillett
Ann E. Klein
Peter J. Lund
Timothy M. Malone
Dolores Thomas, Rep. Anthony V. Marrocco
Gasper Salerno
Marvin E. Sauger

Excused:

Dino F. Bucci, Jr.

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, and David Humbyrd of Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Kevin Cassidy of Hillside Productions; Sue Kebbe, Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY KUSS, WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS UNDER OLD BUSINESS 7A. 2005 HARLEYFEST, UNDER NEW BUSINESS 8F. ST. RONALD'S FESTIVAL, 8G. HUNTING AND FISHING EXPO, 8H. TRAVEL REQUEST AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sharon Skozan of Sterling Heights commented that HarleyFest has outgrown Freedom Hill County Park.

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights commented MDA's primary goal should be to get the most fundraising at any park. Ms. Parker stated she was in possession of plans for the amphitheater roof. Ms. Parker asked why minutes and agendas are not on the website and also asked about the "Tony N Tina's Wedding" performances. Ms. Parker thanked everyone for doing a great job on handling the flu shots at the County Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2004 AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORTS

Mr. Casasanta reported final revenues would be received in December. The Park is doing fine on expenses. Picnic table legs and mowers have been purchased for the Park.

A MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO, WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORT AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta reported there were two letters in the commission's packet. A letter from the Park was sent to Kevin Cassidy of Hillside requesting a copy of the court approved construction plans for the roof and sound wall at the amphitheater. Also, a letter was sent to the DEQ regarding due care inspection reports.

A MOTION BY KUSS, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

HarleyFest

Representatives from WRIF explained the HarleyFest event and asked for approval for this event to be held at Freedom Hill. Ms. Flesher commented that Captain Teske of the Sheriff Department stated with an event this large, the 2004 festival had very few incidents or problems.

Ms. Flesher stated that for the 2005 event, the beer tent sales will stop at 9:30 p.m. and there would not be a concert at the amphitheater.

A MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, WAS MADE TO APPROVE 2005 HARLEYFEST.

Discussion ensued.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION

	YES	NO
KLEIN		X
SAUGER	X	
BUCCI	Absent	
GILLET	X	
KUSS		X
LIPINSKI		X
LUND		X
MALONE		X
THOMAS		X
PERNA	X	
SALERNO	X	
TOTAL	5	5

No action was taken on the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Macomb County Flu Shots Distribution

Mr. Casasanta reported that there were over 6,000 flu shots administered by the Health Department at the County Park November 3-5, 2004 and staff received many compliments from citizens on how smooth the process was for them.

4th of July, 2005 Fireworks

Mr. Casasanta reported he would like to move forward and proceed with plans for 2005 4th of July Fireworks.

A MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY KUSS, WAS MADE TO SEND A DEPOSIT FOR FIREWORKS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Request for Macedonian Dance
Request for WCSX Pet-A-Palooza
Request for Cub Scout Day Camp

Mr. Casasanta recommended approval of the above events as we have dealt with them in the past.

A MOTION BY KUSS, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI, WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MACEDONIAN DANCE ON SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2005, PET-A-PALOOZA ON JULY 30 & 31, 2005 AND THE CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP, JUNE 27-30, 2005, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR.

St. Ronald's Festival
Fishing & Hunting Expo

Mr. Casasanta reported the sponsor for St. Ronald's Festival originally requested the weekend of August 26th for their event, however is willing to move the date to August 12-14, 2005. Local businesses and Hillside have been working on a Fishing and Hunting Expo and have requested the dates August 26-28, 2005. Mr. Casasanta stated that these dates have been worked out for the two events and recommends approval on both.

A MOTION BY KUSS, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI, WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ST. RONALD'S FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 12-14, 2005 AND FISHING & HUNTING EXPO ON AUGUST 26-28, 2005, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion ensued.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Travel Conference Request

Mr. Casasanta requested approval for Park Administrator and Foreman to attend MRPA Conference in February at a cost of \$1,300 and the Park Foreman to attend the Great Lakes Institute Training Conference at a cost of \$550. These conferences were included in the Park's budget.

A MOTION BY LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS, WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR PARK STAFF TO ATTEND THE MRPA CONFERENCE AND GREAT LAKES INSTITUTE CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY OF 2005, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

Mr. Cassidy announced performances of "Tony N Tina's Wedding" will be held in the Bicentennial Hall starting November 27, 2005 tentatively thru the month of December. Mr. Cassidy stated this show is the only one running in the local area.

Discussion ensued regarding revenue and dates of these performances.

Dolores Thomas inquired about the Park's website. Mr. Casasanta explained the County MIS switched programs and the Park has not had capability to update the website. All parties are continuing to work on the glitches.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY KLEIN, WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Sincerely

Anthony J. Lipinski, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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